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Sir:

Prior to taking up this new patent application for action on the merits, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page two (2) of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page three (3) of this paper.

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